# FOOTSTEPS What it Really Means to Follow Jesus

## <u>IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT</u>

*Matthew* 14:22-33

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And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:29

How can you experience an exhilarating, abundant Christian life that walks on the water?

#### 1. Realize that Jesus is able.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

#### A. Jesus is the great I AM.

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."

Exodus 3:14

B. Jesus is <u>Lord over every situation and every storm</u>. Cease striving and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

#### 2. Trust that Jesus will enable you.

### A. You can <u>hear His commands</u>.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 NKJV

- B. You can get out of the boat.
  - 1. Your boat represents <u>safety</u>, <u>security</u>, <u>and comfort</u>.
  - 2. Your boat is hard to leave because of fear.

- 3. Your boat is keeping you from walking on water.
- C. You can trust Him to help you through any sinking spells.

  But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:30-31
- D. You can know He is pleased when you get out of the boat.

Will you take that important step of faith today!